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QUOTE WE MEET BOTH TO CELEBRATE AND TO ADVANCE A NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. WE HAVE SUMMONED, AND HERE DISPLAYED, THE POLITICAL WILL TO SET ABOUT OUR TASK. TWO YEARS OF INTENSE EFFORT AND FRANK DISCOURSE NOW CONCLUDE IN THIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

THESE HAVE BEEN YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. WE HAVE PLACED SUBSTANTIAL NEW RESOURCES IN TRUST FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD'S NEEDIEST. WE HAVE CREATED CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE YIELD OF THE SOIL AND TO EASE THE ECONOMIC STRAINS OF DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE JOINED IN A COMMON EFFORT TO STABILIZE COMMODITY PRICES AND EXPORT EARNINGS. MORE THAN THIS, WE HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY NARROWED OUR DIFFERENCES AND DEEPENED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WAYS IN WHICH THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM CAN WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. WE

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HAVE TOGETHER, IN THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT CARTER, BEGUN TO RESPOND TO THE NEW REALITY OF A POLITICALLY AWAKENING WORLD.

THREE REALITIES HAVE SHAPED OUR DISCOURSE: POVERTY, INTERDEPENDENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTY.

THE DESPERATE POVERTY OF HALF OF MANKIND IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONSCIENCE AND WELFARE OF US ALL. THE FORTUNATE AMONG US -- THE MAJORITY IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, A MINORITY ELSEWHERE -- ARE BOUND IN COMMON HUMANITY AND IN INTELLIGENT SELF-INTEREST TO TAKE HEED OF MISERY AND DESTITUTION. IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN CONDITION IS OUR SHARED AND UNIVERSAL CONCERN AND THE STARTING POINT OF ALL OUR ENDEAVORS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT ARE COMMITTED TO THE LONG-TERM TASK OF IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE WORLD'S POOR. WE CAN OFFER NO SIMPLE FORMULA OR GRAND DESIGN. WE PROPOSE, INSTEAD, A CONTINUING AND DETERMINED PURSUIT OF MEASURES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT THAT OUR COLLECTIVE INGENUITY CAN FASHION, NOW AND FOR YEARS TO COME.

APART FROM COMMON HUMAN VALUES, THE PROSPEROUS AND POOR NATIONS OF THE WORLD SHARE A GROWING ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. THE ECONOMIC DISRUPTIONS OF THE EARLY 1970'S -- INFLATION, RECESSION, THE HARSH VACILLATION
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OF COMMODITY PRICES, AND THE ABRUPT AND ENORMOUS INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF OIL -- MEANT HARDSHIP FOR ALL. CONVERSELY, STEADY GROWTH AMONG THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES SUSTAINSTHE PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH. STEADY GROWTH AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PROVIDES JOBS AND EXPORTS FOR THE NORTH. STABLE COMMODITY MARKETS HELP PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE. MORE LIBERAL TRADE REDUCES INFLATION EVERYWHERE.

THAT IS THE ECONOMIC REALITY OF INTERDEPENDENCE, FAR MORE COMPELLING THAN ANY RHETORICAL ASSERTIONS. NO ONE OF US AND NO GROUP AMONG US IS IN CHARGE OF THE EMERGING NEW ECONOMIC ORDER; WE ARE CREATING IT TOGETHER, SHARING ALIKE THE BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

FOR ALL OUR INTERDEPENDENCE, HOWEVER, WE REMAIN DIVERSE AND SOVEREIGN NATIONS. WE MEET AS NATIONS; EACH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS MUST RESPECT THE WILL OF ITS PEOPLE. THE POLICIES WHICH WILL MOVE SOVEREIGN NATIONS TOWARD

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COOPERATION ARE THOSE WHICH OFFER MUTUAL BENEFIT. SO WE MUST REJECT RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON DEPENDENCE,

EXPLOITATION OR CONFRONTATION, AND CONTINUE IN A SPIRIT OF CIVILITY, PRACTICALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

THESE GENERAL PRINCIPLES HAVE SPECIFIC CONSEQUENCES. FOR THE DEVELOPED NATIONS, THEY DICTATE AN ENHANCED COMMITMENT TO LIBERALIZED TRADE, COMMODITY STABILIZATION, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN OUR VIEW, PROGRESS WILL DEPEND ON THE SOVEREIGN CHOICES OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS AS WELL AS THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKINGS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY. THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS CAN AND MUST HELP CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT. BUT DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIALLY AN INTERNAL PROCESS AND THE CRUCIAL CHOICES ARE ONES WHICH WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

MADE BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. THE GOAL FOR ALL OF US IS TO PERFECT A WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH ALLOWS NATIONS TO PURSUE THEIR OWN OBJECTIVES IN A MANNER THAT RESPECTS AND ADVANCES THE OBJECTIVES OF OTHERS.

THE NEEDS OF OUR DIVERSE COUNTRIES VARY GREATLY: SO, THEREFORE, MUST AN ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE. THE LEAST DEVELOPED NATIONS REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL AID FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER BASIC INVESTMENT. OTHERS OF THE MORE INDUSTRIALIZED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REQUIRE, AS A FIRST PRIORITY, BROADENED OPPORTUNITIES TO SELL THEIR GOODS ABROAD. BOTH GROUPS, AS WELL AS THE BROAD ARRAY OF MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES, HAVE A NEED TO TRADE COMMODITIES IN STABLE MARKETS, TO ACQUIRE CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY UNDER ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS, AND TO PROSPER IN A STABLE FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT.

APART FROM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, WE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD BRING OUR OWN CONCERNS TO THIS CONFERENCE. THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DEPENDS ON A STABLE AND PRODUCTIVE WORLD ECONOMY, IN WHICH LONG-TERM MARKET FORCES ARE NOT DISTORTED BY SPECULATIVE COMMODITY PRICE CHANGES, SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS OR RADICAL PRICE CHANGES FOR OIL, OR ARTIFICIAL CONDITIONS OF (IMPEDIMENTS TO) TRADE.

LET ME NOW OUTLINE THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES ON OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE ACTION AGENDA WHICH WE

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HOPE WILL EMERGE FROM THIS CONFERENCE.

TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY, AND MANAGERIAL SKILLS ON AN ENORMOUS SCALE.

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OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE MUST CONTINUE TO BE A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF SUPPORT FOR MEETING HUMAN NEEDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PRIVATE CAPITAL CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER EVEN GREATER RESOURCES OVER A WIDER RANGE OF ACTIVITIES THAN OFFICIAL AID. CURRENTLY, THE UNITED STATES THROUGH PRIVATE AS WELL AS OFFICIAL SOURCES PROVIDES CAPITAL TRANSFERS TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD EQUIVALENT TO 1 PERCENT OF OUR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN NEW RESOURCES WILL SOON BECOME AVAILABLE TO EXISTING MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION, THE WORLD BANK AND REGIONAL BANKS. THE POOREST COUNTRIES CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW SOURCE OF FINANCE, THE BILLION-DOLLAR INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, TO HELP THEM FEED THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THESE IMPORTANT STEPS ARE ONLY THE BEGINNING. ASSISTANCE MUST INCREASE AND IT MUST BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE.

SPEAKING FOR THE UNITED STATES I CAN SAY THAT WE ARE READY TO DO OUR PART.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DECIDED TO SEEK FROM THE CONGRESS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN OUR MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AID OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. TO GAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE CONGRESS, WE WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE PERSUASIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE AID WOULD GO TO PROGRAMS WHERE IT COULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE. AND OUR SUPPORT MUST OF NECESSITY REST UPON THE ASSUMPTION THAT OTHERS ALSO WILL CONTRIBUTE THEIR FAIR SHARE.

APART FROM THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE, WE ALSO URGE THE INDUSTRIALIZED COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO INCREASE THEIR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THERE CAN BE NO MORE FRUITFUL COMMON EFFORT OF MANKIND
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THAN COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY.

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WE SHOULD AGREE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. THE INCREASE IS NECESSARY NOT ONLY TO PERMIT THE WORLD BANK TO EXPAND ITS NORMAL LENDING IN REAL TERMS BUT ALSO TO UNDERTAKE NEW PROGRAMS IN AREAS OF GROWING IMPORTANCE -- ENERGY, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMODITY DIVERSIFICATION. THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS OIL, COAL, AND GAS RESOURCES IN ENERGY-DEFICIENT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL HELP TO EASE THE RISING FINANCIAL BURDEN OF HIGH-PRICED OIL IMPORTS. TIMELY INVESTMENT IN MINERAL

RESOURCES IN PROSPECTIVE SHORT SUPPLY WILL ADD TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EXPORT EARNINGS AND HELP TO MEET RISING WORLD DEMAND. FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DEPENDENT ON COMMODITIES WITH BLEAK LONG-TERM PROSPECTS, DIVERSIFICATION INTO PRODUCTS THAT ARE POTENTIALLY MORE REWARDING IS DESIRABLE.

WE ARE PREPARED AT THIS CONFERENCE TO JOIN WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN A SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAM TO HELP MEET THE ACUTE NEEDS OF THE WORLD'S POOREST NATIONS AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.

PRIVATE INVESTMENT HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN OF THIS CONFERENCE, AND FOR GOOD REASON. THE GROWTH PLANS OF THE WORLD'S DEVELOPING ECONOMIES IMPLY A LEVEL OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT WELL BEYOND WHAT CAN BE MET BY OFFICIAL SOURCES ALONE. PRIVATE CAPITAL FROM ABROAD CAN CONTRIBUTE AS SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE GROWTH OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS IT DID TO THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ABOVE ALL, WE MUST REALIZE, PRIVATE INVESTMENT IS A MATTER OF CHOICE--FOR THE HOST COUNTRY AS WELL AS FOR THE INVEST-
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ING FIRM. A SOVEREIGN NATION MUST AND SHOULD DECIDE FOR ITSELF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT WILL BENEFIT FROM PRIVATE INVESTMENT. PRIVATE FIRMS, IN TURN, WILL MAKE THEIR INVESTMENTS WHERE TREATMENT IS POSITIVE AND PREDICTABLE. IT IS FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS FOR NEW PRIVATE INVESTMENT WHICH WILL BEST MEET THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

IN ADDITION TO CAPITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE TO EASE THE PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT. ALREADY, DURING THE PERIOD OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE HAVE W,TNESSED VAST IMPROVEMENT IN THE AVAILABILITY OF BALANCE

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OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES THAT NEED IT MOST. THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND HAS EXPANDED ITS COMPENSATORY FINANCE FACILITY, PROVIDED INCREASED CREDIT, AND ESTABLISHED A NEW TRUST FUND BUILT UP WITH THE PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF GOLD AND DEVOTED TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD'S POOREST. WE SUPPORT THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND TO SEEK ADDITIONAL RESOURCES THAT WILL ENABLE IT TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES IN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS NEED.

COMMODITIES- I NOW TURN TO THE CRITICAL SUBJECT OF TRADE IN COMMODITIES. ALL COUNTRIES SHARE AN INTEREST IN STABILITY OF PRICE AND SUPPLY. FLUCTUATIONS IN COMMODITY MARKETS DISRUPT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN LOW INCOME COUNTRIES. FOR THE U.S. AND THE OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, SHARP INCREASES IN COMMODITY PRICES INTENSIFY INFLATION WHICH PERSISTS LONG AFTER THESE PRICES HAVE TURNED DOWNWARD. THROUGH THIS CONFERENCE, WE HAVE REACHED

A CONSENSUS ON THE NEED FOR COMMON ACTION TO MODERATE FLUCTUATIONS IN COMMODITY PRICES, SUPPLY AND EARNINGS. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO:

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-- ESTABLISH WHEREVER FEASIBLE PRODUCER-CONSUMER AGREEMENTS FOR STABILIZING THE PRICES OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES.

-- CREATE AN EFFICIENT AND VIABLE COMMON FUND TO BACK UP INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS.

-- IMPROVE COMPENSATORY FINANCE MECHANISMS TO HELP OFFSET VARIABILITY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EXPORT EARNINGS.

-- ASSURE ADEQUATE INVESTMENT TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF MINERALS AND OTHER PRIMARY PRODUCTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY.

-- SUPPORT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT AND, WHERE NECESSARY, DIVERSIFICATION OUT OF COMMODITIES THAT FACE STAGNANT OR DECLINING DEMAND.

THE UNITED STATES WILL PARTICIPATE ENERGETICALLY IN ALL OF THESE ENDEAVORS. WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE COFFEE AND TIN AGREEMENTS AND STRONGLY SUPPORT AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT. WE ARE PREPARED TO JOIN IN FINANCING RESERVE SUPPLIES OF SUGAR TO ASSURE STABLE PRICES.

WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT AGREEMENT WILL SOON BE REACHED ON A WORLD GRAIN RESERVES SYSTEM TO ENHANCE WORLD FOOD

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SECURITY. FIVE YEARS AGO WE SAW WORLD GRAIN STOCKS DEPLETED AND PRICES SKYROCKET. HARVESTS ARE NOW MORE PLENTIFUL, BUT WE CANNOT BE SANGUINE THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE SO. IT IS IN OUR COMMON INTEREST -- AND CRITICAL TO COUNTRIES WHICH LIVE AT THE MARGIN -- THAT STABLE AND GROWING SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET RISING WORLD NEEDS.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE WORK IN UNCTAD TOWARD ADDITIONAL STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS. WHERE BUFFER STOCKS ARE APPROPRIATE, WE WILL JOIN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF THE SPECIFIC COMMODITIES IN HELPING TO FINANCE THESE STOCKS.
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WE ARE PREPARED AT THIS CONFERENCE TO GIVE OUR POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND.

WE WILL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY OF EXPANSION OF THE IMF COMPENSATORY FINANCE FACILITY AND OTHER MEANS OF STABILIZING EXPORT EARNINGS.

TRADE. EXPANDING, LIBERALIZED TRADE IS CRITICAL TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO THE PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. WE CAN ALL NOTE WITH PRIDE THAT WE HAVE MAINTAINED AN OPEN TRADING SYSTEM THROUGHOUT A PERIOD OF EXTRAORDINARY ECONOMIC STRESS. FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD, THIS HAS PROVIDED CONTINUED ACCESS TO THE WORLD'S MAJOR MARKETS, HELPING THEM TO PAY FOR IMPORTS OF CAPITAL GOODS, FOOD AND RAW MATERIALS WITH THEIR OWN EXPORT EARNINGS. FOR THE UNITED STATES, LIBERAL TRADE HAS OFFERED EXPANDED JOB AND SALES OPPORTUNITIES FROM EXPORTS, AS WELL AS FULLER CHOICE FOR CONSUMERS.

IN RECENT YEARS, IMPORTANT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD MARKET. THIS CONFERENCE IS NOT THE PLACE FOR DETAILED TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT WE CAN PROVIDE OUR COMMON ENDORSEMENT FOR THE WORK IN GENEVA ON TRADE ISSUES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SEARCH FOR AREAS WHERE DIFFERENTIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT MAY BE APPROPRIATE. SUBSTANTIAL OFFERS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE TARIFFS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS. IN ADDITION, THE REDUCTION OF BARRIERS ON IMPORTS OF PROCESSED GOODS IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COMMODITY TRADE.

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ENERGY. THE NEXT ITEM ON OUR AGENDA IS ENERGY. ALL OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD SHARE AN URGENT INTEREST IN SECURE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY, STRICT CONSERVATION OF DEPLETABLE FOSSIL FUELS, AND A SHIFT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES. TOWARD THESE ENDS, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE DOMESTIC ENERGY POLICY TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL AND SPEED THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES. IN ADDITION, THE PROSPERITY OF THE WORLD ECONOMY--AND THUS OF ENERGY PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE--DEPENDS ON STABILITY IN ENERGY PRICES AND SECURITY FROM DISRUPTION IN SUPPLY. IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION, WE HAVE LEARNED OF THE ACUTE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH RELY ON IMPORTED OIL.

THE INCREASED REAL COST OF ENERGY HAS BECOME A NEW CONSTRAINT ON THEIR ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER MUST BE BASED ON STABILITY IN THE MARKET FOR ENERGY RESOURCES AS WELL AS FOR OTHER COMMODITIES AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

OVER THE LONGER TERM, DEVELOPING AS WELL AS INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST MAKE INCREASED USE OF INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES. THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD HELP ESTABLISH NEW MECHANISMS TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE WORK OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION HAS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED THE NEED FOR A CONTINUING FORUM IN WHICH WE CAN REVIEW TOGETHER GLOBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A FORUM SHOULD BE ONE OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS CONFERENCE.

SUCH IS OUR AGENDA FOR ACTION--FOR BOTH THE DAYS AND THE DECADE AHEAD. THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE IS NOT JUST ONE CONFERENCE, NOR ONE SERIES OF MEETINGS. THE WORK WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL ENERGETICALLY PURSUE TRADE LIBERALIZA-
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TION IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS; COMMODITY AGREEMENTS UNDER UNCTAD; EXPANDED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND; INCREASED DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL THROUGH BILATERAL AID PROGRAMS AND THROUGH THE WORLD BANK AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS; IMPROVED TECHNICAL COOPERATION THROUGH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. BUT APART FROM THESE

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URGENT, PARTICULARIZED DISCUSSIONS, WE ARE ALL ENGAGED IN A LARGER ENTERPRISE.

SIMPLY PUT, WE HAVE ALL COME TO REALIZE THAT THE WORLD ECONOMY IS NOT AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB, NOT A MEANS FOR ISOLATING OR DOMINATING ANY NATION OR GROUP OF NATIONS. NOR, FUNDAMENTALLY, IS THE WORLD ECONOMY AN ARENA OF CONFLICT AMONG NATIONS. THE FOUNDATION OF ECONOMIC LIFE IS MUTUAL BENEFIT. WE OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD HAVE ACQUIRED, OVER THESE YEARS, A FAR DEEPER AWARENESS OF THE CONCERNS, ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING MAJORITY. WE COMMIT OURSELVES HERE TO AN ONGOING PROCESS OF CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EFFORT OF OUR TIMES TO RESTRUCTURE OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS. THE WORK OF THIS CONFERENCE, INAUGURATED BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND SUSTAINED BY THE CLOSE ATTENTION OF MANY NATIONS, WILL CONTINUE.

SUCCESS AT THIS CONFERENCE--IN THE PRACTICAL RESULTS OF OUR AGREEMENTS, IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BASIS FOR DISAGREEMENTS, AND IN OUR RECOGNITION OF OVERRIDING COMMON INTERESTS--WILL SET THE TONE AND CONFIRM THE WILL FOR YEARS OF CONTINUED PROGRESS. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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